WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A method comprising:

coupling a mobile device associated with a first resource to a first network environment;

reading first data associated with the first network environment;

determining whether the first data satisfies a first access requirement stored locally at the mobile device; and

allowing access to the first resource if the first data satisfies the first access requirement.

2.   The method of claim 1 further comprising:

obtaining second data associated with a particular user of the first network;

reading a second access requirement stored locally at the mobile device; and

determining if the second data satisfies the second access requirement before allowing access to the first resource.

3.   The method of claim 1 further comprising:

obtaining second data associated with a particular user of the first network after allowing access to the first resource;

reading a second access requirement stored locally
at the mobile device and associated with a second resource
after allowing access to the first resource;

determining if the second data satisfies the second
5   access requirement; and

allowing access to the second resource if the second
data satisfies the second access requirement.

4.   The method of claim 1 further comprising:

10   reading second data associated with a second network
environment;

determining whether the second data satisfies a
second access requirement stored locally at the mobile device;
and

15   allowing access to a second resource associated with
the mobile device if the second data satisfies the second
access requirement.

5.   A method of establishing and using sharing criteria
20   to control access to a resource comprising:

reading a first network identifier;

receiving an indication that the resource is to be
associated with the first network identifier; and

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storing the first network identifier in a first

association with a resource identifier that identifies the

resource so that access to the resource is contingent upon

receipt of the first network identifier.

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6.   The method of claim 5 in which the storing of the

first network identifier in association with the resource

identifier is accomplished by copying a portion of an

association between the first network identifier and a second

10   resource.

7.   The method of claim 5 further comprising:

receiving a network identifier associated with an

entity attempting to access the resource;

comparing the received network identifier with the

15   stored network identifier; and

allowing access to the resource if the received

network identifier matches the stored network identifier.

20   8.   The method of claim 5 further comprising:

receiving a network identifier associated with an

entity attempting to access the resource;

comparing the received network identifier with the

stored network identifier; and

denying access to the resource if the received

network identifier does not match the stored network

identifier.

9.   The method of claim 5 further comprising:

receiving first data associated with a particular

user;

receiving an indication that the resource is to be

associated also with the first data; and

storing the first data in a second association with

the resource identifier so that the access to the resource is

contingent also upon receipt of the first data.

10.   The method of claim 5 further comprising:

removing the first association between the first

network identifier and the resource identifier so that access

to the resource is allowed without receipt of the first

network identifier.

11.   The method of claim 5 further comprising:

suspending temporarily the first association between

the first network identifier and the resource identifier so

that access to the resource is allowed without receipt of the

first network identifier.

12.   The method of claim 5 further comprising:

displaying a second network identifier;

receiving an indication that the resource is to be

5   associated with the second network identifier; and

storing the second network identifier in a second

association with the resource identifier so that access to the

resource is contingent upon receipt of either the first

network identifier or the second network identifier.

13.   A computer readable medium including instructions

for causing a processor to:

read a first network identifier;

receive an indication that the resource is to be

15   associated with the first network identifier; and

store in a memory the first network identifier in a

first association with a resource identifier that identifies

the resource so that access to the resource is contingent upon

receipt of the first network identifier.

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14.   The computer readable medium of claim 13 in which to

store in the memory the first network identifier in

association with the resource identifier a copy of a portion

of an association between the first network identifier and a

second resource is used.

15.   The computer readable medium of claim 13 wherein the

instructions cause the processor to:

receive first data;

compare the first data with the stored network

identifier; and

allow access to the resource if the first data and

the stored network identifier are substantially equal.

16.   The computer readable medium of claim 13 wherein the

instructions cause the processor to:

receive first data associated with a particular

user;

receive an indication that the resource is to be

associated also with the first data; and

store in the memory the first data in a second

association with the resource identifier so that the access of

the resource is contingent also upon receipt of the first

data.

17.   The computer readable medium of claim 13 wherein the

instructions cause the processor to:

remove the first association between the first

network identifier and the resource identifier so that access

to the resource is allowed without receipt of the first

network identifier.

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18.   The computer readable medium of claim 13 wherein the

instructions cause the processor to:

suspend temporarily the first association between

the first network identifier and the resource identifier so

10 that access to the resource is allowed without receipt of the

first network identifier.

19.   The computer readable medium of claim 13 wherein the

processor is located in a mobile device consisting of one of

15 the following: a notebook computer, a mobile telephone and a

personal digital assistant.

20.   The computer readable medium of claim 13 wherein the

resource consists of one of the following: a folder, a

20 directory, a file, an application, a printer, a disk drive, a

ROM drive, memory and a scanner.